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Overseas Military and Civilian Voting

With the June 8 election fast approaching, Secretary of State Al Jaeger is encouraging North Dakota residents serving overseas in the military to request absentee ballots from their County Auditor as soon as possible. To do this, Jaeger is asking family and friends to convey the message to them through their communications with family members serving overseas. Ballots for absentee voting are now ready.

A request for an absentee ballot can be made in writing, with a telephone call, via a fax, or by sending an e-mail message to the voter's County Auditor. It must include the voter's name, residential address, and address where the ballot can be sent. North Dakota law does allow overseas voters to receive and return their ballots by fax. This will be the fastest method for delivery and return of the ballot and should be used wherever this technology is available.

To make voting by fax possible, the Secretary of State's office has been coordinating efforts with the Federal Voting Assistance Program to ensure that troops have access to fax machines for receiving and retuning their ballots to their respective County Auditors.

For the absentee ballot to be counted, it must be postmarked or have another official sending date no later than the day before the election, June 8th, and it must arrive at the County Auditor's Office no later than three days after the election.

Additional detailed information for military and overseas voters is available on the Secretary of State's website at www.state.nd.us/sec/electvote. The names of the County Auditors, along with their telephone and fax numbers, can be found on the website as well. For further assistance, overseas military and civilian voters can also contact the Federal Voting Assistance Program at (800) 438-8683.

North Dakota Armed Forces Personnel - Voting by Absentee Ballot

As a qualified North Dakota elector, you can apply for and vote with an absent voter's ballot. Statewide elections in North Dakota will be held on June 8, 2004 and November 2, 2004. Depending on your location within the 40 days prior to an election, you can select the applicable situation listed below and follow the steps listed. Ballots will be available approximately 40 days prior to the respective elections.

Stationed Within the United States of America

- 1. Apply for an absent voter's ballot. The application form is available on the Secretary of State's website at www.state.nd.us/sec/electvote/. On that page, scroll down and click on Voting Absentee, then, click on Absent Voter's Ballot Application (SFN 51468).
- 2. Complete the application and send it either by mail or fax to your ND county auditor (contact information is below). This application should be submitted as soon as you know the address where the ballot is to be mailed within the 40 days prior to the election.
- 3. Follow the instructions provided when the ballot arrives, vote, and return it to the county auditor. To be counted, the return envelope must be postmarked by the postal service or officially marked by another delivery service prior to the day of the election. It must also arrive in the county auditor's office no later than three days after the election.

Stationed Outside the United State of America

- 1. Apply for an absent voter's ballot from your North Dakota county auditor (contact information is below). This can be done by mail, fax, or e-mail (note: this should be done as soon as you know the fax number or address to which the ballot is to be sent depending on location, mail service could take 20 days each way). Provide your county auditor with an address where the ballot can be mailed or a fax number and your North Dakota residential address.
- 2. Follow the instructions provided when the ballot arrives, vote, and return the ballot immediately by mail or fax to the county auditor. To be counted, the facsimile transmission must be dated no less than the day before the election.

If needed, additional detailed information can be found in the Military and Overseas Voters link under the Voting section at www.state.nd.us/sec/electvote/

The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) provides help to all military personnel with access to a DSN phone. Please dial toll free **DSN 425-1584** to talk with a FVAP Election Specialist.

Fax your ballot to your county auditor through the FVAP by dialing toll free **DSN 223-5527**.

North Dakota County Auditor Contact Information

Adams County Auditor

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Barnes County Auditor

230 4th Street NW, Room 202 Valley City ND 58072-2947 701-845-8500 – Phone 701-845-8548 – Fax emcgough@co.barnes.nd.us

Benson County Auditor

PO Box 206 Minnewaukan ND 58351-0206 701-473-5340 – Phone 701-473-5571 – Fax bserickson@state.nd.us

Billings County Auditor

PO Box 168 Medora ND 58645-0168 701-623-4377 – Phone 701-623-4896 – Fax auditor@midstate.net

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Burke County Auditor

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Divide County Auditor

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Grand Forks County Auditor

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